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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VETERINARY INSPECTION

REF: (A) GABORONE 1158 (B) STATE 244255 (C) GABORONE 1850

1. EMBASSY RECIEVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT DATED JUNE 15, 1977:

QUOTE: THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THE LATTER'S ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA IS ANXIOUS THAT THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHOULD BE FULLY INFORMED AS TO THE ANIMAL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN BOTSWANA AND THE HYGIENE SITUATION AT THE EXPORT ABATTOIR OF THE BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION. RINDERPEST AND CONTAGIOUS PLEUROPNEUMONIA DO NOT OCCUR IN BOTSWANA, AND BOTSWANA HAS BEEN FREE OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE FOR NINE YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA WISHS TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE VETERINARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO VISIT BOTSWANA AS SOON AS IT IS CONVENIENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING THE DISEASE CONTROL SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY AND THE ABATTOIR
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FACILITIES IN LOBATSE.

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COULD CONVEY THIS INVITATION TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT WHETHER IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF

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BOTSWANA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES
OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: GOB REQUEST UNDOUBTEDLY PART OF RECENT
CAMPAIGN TO BOOST EXPORTS OF BOTSWANA BEEF. AS REPORTED,
YUGOSLAV-BOTSWANA TRADE AGREEMENT MENTIONS BOTSWANA BEEF
EXPORTS AND KOREAN TRADE MISSION PRESENTLY IN TOWN HAS
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BOTSWANA BEEF.

3. EMBASSY WOULD REITERATE ITS VIEW GIVEN AT TIME
OF PREVIOUS BOTSWANA ATTEMPT TO EXPORT BEEF TO THE US
IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1976 (SEE REFTELS) THAT OUR PURCHASE OF EVEN
SMALL QUANTITIES OF BOTSWANA BEEF WOULD DO MUCH TO DEMONSTRATE OUR
SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC BOTSWANA AT A TIME OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN
UNREST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S GUIDENCE IN RESPONDING
TO THE GOB'S NOTE.ALBERTI

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